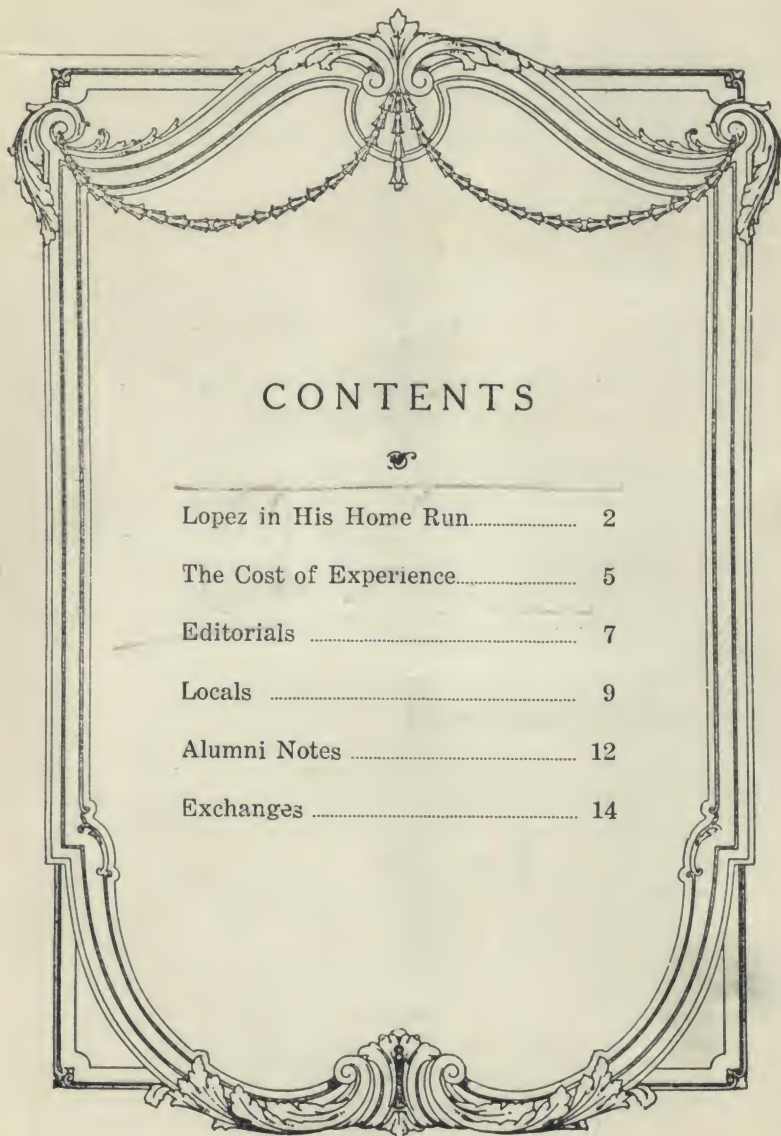


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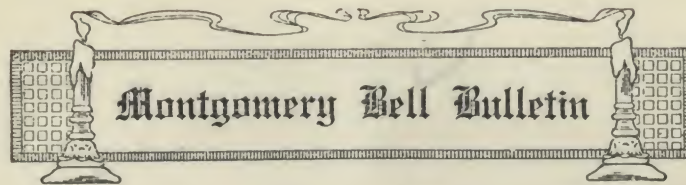
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Lopez in His Home Run

C. Y. HART, '19.



ABOUT August 1, 1908, there was a great rush into the Western States of the United States. The cause for this was the fact that there had been much gold discovered in the Western States and many men had made great fortunes and the government was offering to give the land in the northern part of the West to anybody that would settle on it. A few mines were developed in Idaho and near the place a little town grew up very rapidly. The people named this town Logansville.

A party of men were out looking the land over, to decide whether they wanted to give up their positions in the large Eastern department stores for mining life. Among them there was a man named Enrique Castro who was half Mexican. This life appealed to him very much, but he decided to use his knowledge of storekeeping, which he had acquired in the East. He decided not to settle on the land but to open a Western department store in Logansville.

The store was opened in an old log house on the east side of the square. He started a mining department, with a complete line of mine supplies, a full grocery stock and clothing stock. Along with this he opened a small bank.

The force of clerks consisted of three young men. One of these was a full-blooded Mexican by the name of Diego

Lopez. Mr. Castro became very friendly with Lopez because he was a very hard worker and seemed to be very honest. They were both of Mexican blood, as I have said before, and this helped to establish a warm friendship between them.

After several years all the original force had changed except Lopez and he had proven a very faithful clerk. Mr. Castro made Lopez cashier of the bank and manager of the store for his faithful services.

There were several very rich gold mines developed in the next few years after Castro went West. This naturally drew many of the Eastern millionaires out there to speculate on the gold mines. Castro's store was the only store near enough to get supplies from for those mines. This gave him a monopoly on the business and he soon made himself a very large fortune by his robbing these Eastern millionaires.

Lopez found out what Castro was actually worth one day when he found Castro's book on the counter which he had left there accidentally. Lopez was only making \$175 per month and he knew this was about as high as he could go. To see the great amount of money that his boss had and to have himself only his monthly salary stirred an envious feeling in him.

Mexicans are all right until there is a spark of envy stirred in them, then they will cut your throat or rob you for practically nothing.

On the first of the next month Lopez went to his boss and asked for a \$50 raise. This looked unreasonable to Mr. Castro and he put him off day after day saying he would think about it and let him know. He went for about three months and did not hear anything about his raise. This caused the envious feeling in his breast to grow to wrath. He decided he would have his raise and more too. The first month he made off with \$200, and the second month about \$275, and kept on increasing his robbery at about this rate for nearly a year.


On the first of the year stock was being taken and a trial balance was made of the books. The books began to look as if they would be about \$6,000 short, so something was said to Lopez about it. He was sitting by the fireside one night thinking about what he had done. He thought about how Castro had gotten the money. He figured that Castro had robbed the Eastern people by charging outrageous prices because they could not buy anywhere else. He thought that since his boss was a robber and he himself had been stealing from him he would finish up the job in fine style. Lopez was cashier of the bank and had full access to all the money. Just before the auditors discovered how much money he had already stolen he went to the bank and made a haul of about \$50,000 and skipped the country to Mexico, his native land, where robbery and cutting throats is a daily business.





The Cost of Experience

W. C. SENSING, '19

 N Ft. Worth, Montana, a mining town at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, with a population of about three thousand people, three seniors in the Boy's High School were almost inseparable in their friendship. Neil Harum, nineteen, the oldest of the three and his two chums, Owen Young and Robert Dixon, both eighteen, had been going to school together all their lives. They had formed such close friendship that they decided to go into business together when school was out.

The first of June they started on their plans, but not having enough money to buy a stock of goods, and not being able to borrow it as there was no bank in Ft. Worth at this time or in any place near it, they went to Owen's uncle, who was a coal miner, seeking work. He hired them for fifty dollars a month each and board.

They worked a year saving one thousand dollars, then they started out in a business of their own.

Neil went to St. Louis to buy a stock of goods including dry goods, groceries, hardware and everything used by coal miners, while Robert and Owen were fixing up the store which they had rented, and getting it ready for the goods.

They opened the store the first day of March with eight hundred dollars' worth of goods, which was the largest stock in Ft. Worth.

Owen, who had studied bookkeeping in school, was chosen bookkeeper and Robert and Neil were the salesmen.

Their trade was good from the beginning and they soon increased their stock, and were making money. At the end

of the second year they had a two thousand dollar stock of goods and a small surplus.

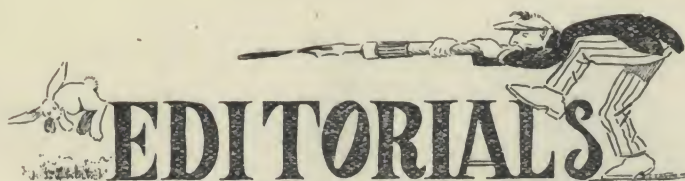
The trade kept increasing during the third year and at the close of this year they had increased their stock from two thousand to three thousand dollars, and had bought their store.

Owen's uncle, for whom they had worked, wished to buy a coal field, and not having enough money, he went to the bank, which had recently been started in Ft. Worth, to borrow ten thousand dollars. The bank told him that he would have to give them a note with good security before he could get the money, so he went to his nephew and asked him and his two partners to sign his note. The boys, thinking it would be no harm to them and only a favor to Mr. Young, signed it.

Mr. Young then bought the field and started to mining the coal. It was good coal, but not being as deep as he expected, was soon all mined, leaving him in a bad financial condition.

When the note fell due he was not able to pay it, so the bank came to the boys, and told them that they would have to pay off the note. They did not have the money so they mortgaged their store and goods to get the money to pay it.

It was just like starting back at the first, but the boys had learned a lesson never to be forgotten.



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The fellow that never gets anywhere is the one who thinks he will wait until tomorrow before turning over a new leaf.

New Year's Day is gone but it is not too late to make a resolution. Educated men will be in demand now that the world is back at business. The boy who completes his education will have a greater chance at success than one who stops school to accept a position even though the salary is high. So let's resolve to get the most we can out of the educations we are having provided for us.

Examinations have come and gone. Some of us were pleasantly surprised and others were most unpleasantly surprised. We know now what studies we are deficient in and without falling behind in those we do know something about let's work hard to master these studies. The March examinations are coming. We can neither hasten nor postpone their arrival but we can prepare and what better time is there than the present to do so in.

The extempore debates that have been held between the two literary societies have been both interesting and useful. Some good debaters have been discovered among the new boys and we hope they will continue to develop their talents.

On Tuesday last we had no thought of having children of our own but on the next day we found ourselves fathers of four. This is no joke, it's a fact. We have already begun to perform our parental duties and have found that the first and most important of these is the consideration of cash. We do not mind this however, in fact we are glad to have the privilege of providing for the French orphans. Yes, our children are four French orphans. Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Weaver paid us a visit on Wednesday, the 22nd, and after Mrs. Weaver had made a very interesting talk the boys decided to adopt four orphans, two boys and two girls.

German prisoner who speaks English: "Did you know the devil was dead?"

(American soldier hands him a quarter.)

German (surprised): "Why do you give me this?"

American: "In America we are taught to give alms to orphans."—*Exchange*.



LOCALS



An extempore debate was held between the two literary societies on January 2nd. The question was, "Resolved, That the Allies should arrest and punish the ex-Kaiser." The debate was won by the Ewing Society, which supported the negative side of this question.

A week later another extempore debate was held between the societies, the question being, "Resolved that the United States should demand indemnity from the Central Powers." The Ewing Society supported the negative and was again victorious.

On January 24th another debate was held. The question was, "Resolved, that inherited wealth is more of an evil than a blessing." The Clark Society, which supported the affirmative, won the debate.

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McCary: "I don't think I deserve zero on this exam."

Mr. Ball: "Neither do I; but it's the lowest I am allowed to give."

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The question on an exam was to give a sentence with "gruesome" in it.

Petty wrote: "The man stopped shaving and gruesome whiskers."

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Mrs. Ball in History 5: "Merrill Moore, stop rigging. Now, Wiggle, answer this question?"

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The Bolsheviki meetings are the only things we can mention under the head of "Athletics" for this issue.

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Merrill Moore has been giving the English 5 class a series of electrical treatments.

The Chemistry Class has demanded that gas masks be issued the next time Srygley attempts to make chlorine.

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The six exiles from the Math. 5 Class have been permitted to return to the fold (if it can be called such).

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Teacher: "If a man bought an article for \$9.25 and sold it for \$8.65, did he gain or lose on the transaction?"

Pupil (after pondering a moment): "He gained on the cents, but lost on the dollars."

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Charlie Moss has made the startling discovery that sodium explodes when put in water.

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The manner in which the boys went to see "Chin-Chin" reminded one of the Children's crusade.

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Curtis in English 5: "Mrs. Ball, speaking of writers, Ouida was a good one, wasn't he?"

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Thompson's appetite gives us a vivid picture of that of Samuel Johnson.

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The M. B. A. Horn wishes to announce that it will make an appearance on February 1st.

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Mr. Julian Blair paid us a visit the other day. We were all glad to see him and wish him success in whatever he undertakes.

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Mr. Taylor in Math. 6: "Now the secret of this proposition is——."

Curry (interrupting): "Can't we tell it?"—(Two hours.)

Schlater in Math. 5: "I done proved the proposition, 'fesser, and put the figger on the board; it don't take no Solomon to see that."

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Bill Martin says: "Dice are as indispensable to Mer-rit as the *Virgil* jack is to Temp."

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From a quiz paper in History 5: "Pope Gregory the was the son of a Tuscan pheasant." That no doubt accounts for his ambition to be cock of the walk during his time.

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Owing to intellectual superiority, the Ewing Society has won three out of five extempore debates held between the two societies.

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We wish to remind the teachers of the fact that "to err is human; to forgive divine."

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Great mystery surrounds the action of one Panos Pann on the night of the dance.

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McCary has been rendering vocal solos while strolling around the school building.



Prof. Julian Blair an old alumnus and teacher has left for Florida, where he will teach at Lake Side College.

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Lieut. James Avent, '15, has returned from overseas with the Dixie Division and is now at Camp Gordon.

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Ben Doubleday, '16, is now at home on sick leave from the navy.

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Ed Frank, '15, is now at Camp Gordon.

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Philip Harrison, '17, has been honorably discharged from the Coast Artillery.

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Lieut. Foster Baird, '16, has received his commission in the Marine Aviation Corps at Miami, Fla.

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Lieut. Mizell Wilson, '16, is with the machine gunners in France, and will likely be home shortly.

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Lieut. W. H. Braly, '16, and W. L. Nichol, Jr., are in Germany with the American Army of Occupation.

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Lieut. Forrest Allen, '17, is now at Camp Sevier, but expects to be released before long so as to go to college.

William Ogden and George Russell expect to come back to school from the navy some time in the near future.

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Capt. Lucius P. Brown, '83, who was formerly State Commissioner of Pure Food, is now stationed at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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William Hunt, '17, has been serving with the Vanderbilt Hospital Unit in France and expects to be home before long.

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Wallace Murray, '16, is now at Cumberland University.

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Judge J. M. Gaut died on December 13 after a short illness of influenza, which developed into pneumonia. Judge Gaut was a quiet and unassuming gentleman, and also one of the leading lights of the Nashville bar. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of this school nearly all of his life.

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Guild Smith, '08, has been appointed Deputy Clerk and Master. The first of last June he entered the army as a private, but when he was sworn out he was First Sergeant of his company.

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Frank Diehl is at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.



We sent out a large number of our Christmas issues, but have received few returns so far. Those received to date are:

The Echo—Nashville, Tenn.

The Peabody Volunteer—Nashville, Tenn.

The Wallace World—Nashville, Tenn.

The Duncan Review—Nashville, Tenn.

The Comet—Paris, Tenn.

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The Echo—You have some good stories, and your fun-makers are on the job.

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The Peabody Volunteer—Your paper is well written, but some cuts would add a great deal to its attractiveness.

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The Wallace World—Your stories are good and you have plenty of jokes, but an alumni department would be of interest.

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The Comet—A new one we are glad to see. Some of your cuts are good, and "Grins" is very interesting.

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Some One: "What's the difference between a sewing machine and a kiss?"

No One: "Why, one sews seams good, and the other seems so good.—*Exchange*."

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"Did you ever take chloroform?"

"No; who teaches it?"—*Exchange*.

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